

Nazi troops until he was finally liberated by American soldiers and spent the remainder of his tour in Europe in a hospital bed in France. It is my privilege to acknowledge Campy for the sacrifices he made that future generations would enjoy the freedoms and liberties that shape the American way of life. Furthermore, I wish to honor Campy for the bravery he showed on the battlefields of France and the leadership he took back to Colorado where he became an active member of the community.

Campy and his wife Daisy have made significant contributions to their local neighborhood in Salida, Colorado where they have lived since 1949. Campy has always put his community first serving as the Chaffee County Veterans Services Officer and was recently named the Veterans Service Officer of the Year at the annual state convention. Campy is also a devoted family man as he and Daisy raised three children to respect and love their country.

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Campton is a role model to all Americans. Campy represents a thread in the fabric of our nation. It is my honor to recognize a Mr. Laurence R. (Campy) Campton for his lifetime of achievements from the battlefields of France to the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Salida, Colorado. It is my pleasure to offer Campy the thanks from our nation and my warmest regards.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA ON ITS NATIONAL DAY

#### HON. WM. LACY CLAY

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2001*

Mr. CLAY. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents, I wish to extend my warmest congratulations today to President Chen Shui-bian and to all Taiwanese people on the occasion of the Republic of China's National Day.

Taiwan is one of America's closest and most reliable allies and it is one of Asia's greatest democracies. Our decades-long relationship with Taiwan continues to be strong and I am certain it will remain so for generations to come. The warmth of our relationship can best be gauged by examining the level of friendly interaction between our two nations.

Our bi-lateral trade, which topped \$64.8 billion last year, continues to grow at a healthy pace and has made Taiwan the United States' eighth largest global trading partner. And last year, nearly 30,000 students from Taiwan attended colleges and universities here in the United States. Additionally, outside of Asia, the United States is the number one tourist destination for Taiwan travelers.

Clearly, the people of Taiwan, like the United States share many of the same values that we hold dear, values such as freedom, democracy and the defense of human rights. And they have always remained a steadfast ally in a region of vital importance.

Recently, the Taiwanese people and their government once again demonstrated the values and commitment they share with us, by standing with us in the fight against global terrorism following the September 11th attack on our country. The Taiwan government has

pledged to do everything it can to assist us in eliminating the evil scourge of terrorism that threatens peace-loving democracies around the world. The people of Taiwan can be proud of President Chen for the excellent job he has done in leading their nation, and equally proud for the fine representation they receive here in Washington from Ambassador C.J. Chen.

So to President Chen Shui-bian and to all the people of Taiwan, I want to say "Good Luck and Good Fortune" to each of you as you celebrate your National Day.

#### CONCERNING TAIWAN

#### HON. STEVEN R. ROTHMAN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2001*

Mr. ROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in appreciation of the solidarity for the American people displayed by the government and people of Taiwan in the wake of the tragic terrorist attacks on America on September 11, 2001.

The United States of America is fortunate to have an ally like Taiwan, which shares our nation's commitment to finding and bringing to justice those responsible for the crimes against humanity which took the lives of thousands of innocent Americans on September 11, 2001. I appreciate Taiwan's offer to assist our nation's global campaign to eradicate the scourge of terrorism from our earth. I am also deeply grateful for the precautionary steps Taiwanese officials have recently taken to protect the safety and welfare of American citizens who are either currently visiting or living in Taiwan.

As the United States embarks on a number of economic, diplomatic, and military initiatives in the coming days and months, it will become ever clearer who stands with us in our battle against evil and who stands against us. I am extremely pleased that our friends in Taiwan will stand firmly with us and that they are prepared to provide whatever assistance they can to aid and abet America's global campaign against terrorism.

I am also appreciative of the fact that festivities marking Taiwan's National Day, which were to have been hosted by the Tapei Economic and Cultural Representative Office in the United States today, were canceled out of respect for those killed and injured in the attack on America on September 11, 2001.

#### CELEBRATING THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA-TAIWAN

#### HON. MARK E. SOUDER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2001*

Mr. SOUDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and send best wishes to the Republic of China on Taiwan as they celebrate National Day.

National Day marks the beginning of democracy in China when on October 10, 1911, a revolt erupted against the ruling Manchu dynasty. This revolt led to the establishment of

the Republic of China on January 1, 1912. The ROC was established on Taiwan in 1949. The Republic of China on Taiwan has made great strides toward full democracy. Last year, voters in Taiwan elected Mr. Chen Shui-bian as the Tenth President of the Republic of China. This election marked, for the first time in Chinese history, a peaceful transfer of power and the first change in the ruling party in fifty years.

The ROC thrives as multi-party democracy and furthermore, the people of Taiwan have proven that freedom and democracy are not just American ideals; they are universal principles that apply to every individual, to every community and to every nation. The ROC has also shown that hard work and ingenuity can create a strong world class economy. Taiwan has a fully developed market-oriented economy ranking as the world's 14th largest trading state and the United States' fifth-largest trading partner. It is Japan's second-largest export market, and a rich country possessing one of the world's largest foreign exchange reserves.

The ROC has long been and continues to be an ally of the United States. The United States continues to benefit from our countries' bonds of friendship and cooperation, both economic and governmental. Unlike the United States, however, the world has not been able to fully benefit from all that Taiwan has to offer.

The Republic of China has been kept from full participation in the world. It is not a member of the United Nations. It is not a member of the World Health Organization. It has not been allowed to participate in the Asia Pacific Economic Conference. By denying Taiwan membership in these organizations, the world community loses.

On this day especially, it is my wish for the Republic of China on Taiwan that it be granted participation in these forums and for the world to fully embrace Taiwan and all it could bring to the global community. I congratulate the ROC on its National Day and wish it greater prosperity and achievement in the future. The Republic of China has always been our friend. And at this time, of all times, we need to be thankful for and loyal to our true friends.

#### HONORING STEVEN WESTHOFF

#### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 10, 2001*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a solemn heart that I would like to pay tribute to the life of Steven Westhoff who has recently passed away. Mr. Westhoff was a valued member of the community in Glenwood Springs and those who knew Steven will surely miss him. I went to high school with Steve and considered it a privilege to be his friend.

Steven Westhoff was born on June 5, 1954. He spent his childhood growing up in Boulder, Colorado and moved to Glenwood Springs in 1967. During his many years as a resident of Glenwood Springs, Steven took on many duties ranging from his most recent employment as a Project Manager for Schmueser Gordon